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#### Ì IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 2 EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA 3 CHERYL MOSS, 4 Plaintiff 5 Case No.: V. 6 7 NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC., COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL 8 Defendant (Unlawful Debt Collection Practices) 9 10 <u>COMPLAINT</u> 11 CHERYL MOSS ("Plaintiff"), by her attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., 12 alleges the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC., ("Defendant"): 13 14 INTRODUCTION 15 1. Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices 16 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. (FDCPA). 17 18 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 19 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states 20 21 that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court 22 without regard to the amount in controversy," and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 grants this court original 23 jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States. 24 3. Defendant conducts business and has an office in the Commonwealth of 25 Pennsylvania, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.

- 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).
- 5. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

#### **PARTIES**

- 6. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Silsbee, Texas, 77656.
- 7. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. Defendant is a national debt collection company with its corporate headquarters located at 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044-2308.
- 9. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

11. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA") is a comprehensive statute, which prohibits a catalog of activities in connection with the collection of debts by third parties.

See 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. The FDCPA imposes civil liability on any person or entity that violates its provisions, and establishes general standards of debt collector conduct, defines abuse, and provides for specific consumer rights. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k. The operative provisions of the FDCPA declare certain rights to be provided to or claimed by debtors, forbid deceitful and misleading practices, prohibit harassing and abusive tactics, and proscribe unfair or unconscionable conduct, both generally and in a specific list of disapproved practices.

In particular, the FDCPA broadly enumerates several practices considered

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- substantive heart of the FDCPA lies in three broad prohibitions. First, a "debt collector may not engage in any conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse any person in connection with the collection of a debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692d. Second, a "debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection

contrary to its stated purpose, and forbids debt collectors from taking such action.

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- The FDCPA is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous collectors, whether or not there
- exists a valid debt, broadly prohibits unfair or unconscionable collection methods, conduct which
- harasses, oppresses or abuses any debtor, and any false, deceptive or misleading statements in
- connection with the collection of a debt.
- In enacting the FDCPA, the United States Congress found that "[t]here is 13. abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors," which "contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." 15 U.S.C. § 1692a. Congress additionally found existing laws and procedures for redressing debt collection injuries to be inadequate to protect consumers. 15 U.S.C. § 1692b.
- Congress enacted the FDCPA to regulate the collection of consumer debts by debt 14. The express purposes of the FDCPA are to "eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses." 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 15. At all pertinent times hereto, Defendant was hired to collect a consumer debt and attempted to collect that debt from Plaintiff.
- 16. The alleged debt at issue arose out of transactions, which were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 17. Beginning in or around April 2010 and continuing until January 2011, Defendant made continuous and repeated calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone seeking and demanding payment for an alleged consumer debt.
- 18. Defendant placed repeated telephone calls and left voicemail messages on Plaintiff's cellular telephone almost every day, causing Plaintiff to receive, at times, more then two (2) collection calls a day.
- 19. At one point Plaintiff had twenty-five (25) voice messages on her voicemail from Defendant demanding payment for an alleged debt owed.
- 20. Each time Plaintiff spoke with Defendant, she informed Defendant that she was disabled, her sole source of income was social security, and that she could not afford to make any payments on the debt as that time.
- 21. Also, each time Plaintiff spoke with Defendant, she demanded that it cease and desist from making any more calls to her.
- 22. Despite Plaintiff's instructions, Defendant continued to place constant and harassing collection calls to Plaintiff.
- 23. Defendant's sole purpose in contacting Plaintiff multiple times was to harass Plaintiff.

- 24. On one occasion, Defendant demanded immediate payment from Plaintiff, threatening Plaintiff, "you made this debt you better pay it or we will sue you and your family."
- 25. To date, despite threats to the contrary, Defendant has not filed a lawsuit or taken any other legal action against Plaintiff; thereby indicating it did not intend to take the action previously threatened.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Defendant conducted its debt collection activities in ways that were harassing, abusive, and in violation of the FDCPA.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF APPLICABLE LAW

- Durand, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). "Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages." Russell v. Equifax A.R.S., 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp., 233 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector's legal status violated FDCPA); Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).
- 28. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit & Collection Services. Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). "Because the FDCPA, like the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 et seq., is a remedial statute, it should be construed liberally in favor of the consumer." Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir. 2002).

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29. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the "least sophisticated" consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc., 869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not "made for the protection of experts, but for the public - that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less experienced." Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

#### COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 31. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:
  - Defendant violated §1692 generally;
  - b. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by harassing Plaintiff in connection with the collection of an alleged debt;
  - c. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA, when it caused the Plaintiff's telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously with the intent to harass, annoy of abuse Plaintiff;
  - d. Defendant violated §1692e of the FDCPA by using false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of a debt;

- e. Defendant violated §1692e(5) of the FDCPA by threatening to take action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken;
- f. Defendant violated §1692e(10) of the FDCPA by using false representations or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect a debt;
- g. Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA by using unfair and unconscionable means with Plaintiff to collect or attempt to collect a debt;
- Defendant acted in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner and failed to comply with the FDCPA.
- 32. As a direct and proximate result of one or more or all of the statutory violations above, Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, CHERYL MOSS, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC., for the following:

- Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Fair Debt
   Collection Practices Act,
- Statutory damages pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15
   U.S.C. § 1692k,
- c. Actual damages,
- d. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection
   Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k
- e. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, CHERYL MOSS, demands a jury trial in this case.

DATED: 4/27/((

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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